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MEETING SUMMARY

Date of Meeting: November 13, 2014

Subject: 2013 Mitigation Plan Update Review Project Name: Ada County Hazard Mitigation Plan

In Attendance:

<u>Steering Committee (SC)</u>- Jim Tibbs, Dave Miles, Angela Gilman, Crash Marusich, Mike Dimmick, Susan Cleverley, JoAnn Gilpin, Jerry McAdams, Margaret Dimmick, Romeo Gervais, DeWaine Kuel

Summary Prepared by: Crash Marusich 11/14/2014

Quorum- Yes or No Yes

Item Action

Welcome and Introductions

- Commissioner Jim Tibbs opened the meeting at 2:00 pm with brief group introduction.
- Round table introductions by all in attendance.

Summation of 2013 All Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Crash referenced the 2013 Mitigation Plan Update draft that had been emailed to all Committee members and provided a written summary to those in attendance. The draft has been reviewed by the planning partners. Discussion points were as follows:

- Crash gave a brief overview of the update (page one of update).
- SC discussed some of the mitigation successes to include:
 - Improved building and zoning codes in Ada County, City of Boise, Garden City, City of Meridian and City of Kuna
 - City of Boise wood chipper program to reduce fuel loads in the Wildland Urban Interface.
 - O Boise Project Board of Control is investigating a cost effective membrane to line irrigation canals in the urban interface.
 - Seismic retrofit of Boise City Hall ongoing.
 - Ada County will complete the Wood Duck bank stabilization project on the Boise River this winter.

Jerry to send summation of the Fire Impacted Communities Learning Network to Crash for addition to this update.

Mike will contact Boise Project to discuss canal membranes and the potential effects they may have on seepage and water flows to drain canals.

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Discussion of 2013 All Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

- Romeo Gervais discussed the benefits of participating in the Fire Impacted Communities Network. It helps expand outreach, research and makes the participating community eligible for some wildfire mitigation grant funds through the United States Forest Service. Boise is one of eighteen hubs in this nationwide network.
- Jerry made a brief presentation regarding one of the ongoing wildfire initiatives in the plan. Boise Fire sponsored an effort to obtain a Western States Wildfire Management Grant for more detailed regional Wildfire Risk mapping. The county-wide project would include new LiDAR, building material, vegetation and alluvial fan studies. In addition to detailed wildfire risk maps, the project would develop an interactive map of neighborhoods located in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). This interactive map would be featured on a website that would educate residents and allow them to actively participate in the reduction of wildfire threat to their property. This project has the support of all local fire agencies\districts and includes partnership opportunities with Boise State University and Ada County Emergency Management (ACEM).
- Angie Gilman successfully competed for a grant to assist with bank repairs on the Boise River (Wood Duck Island Project). Repairs will be completed during the winter of 2015. Mike Dimmick requested information about the grant on behalf of Flood Control District 10.
- Angie suggested the development of a joint wildfire and flood brochure to be mailed out to residents in the foothills.

All Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2016

- Crash gave a brief presentation of the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program and its requirements for plan renewal.
 - o Complete Ada County plan update is due by December 2016.
 - O ACEM successfully competed for a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant to help pay for the update. Total cost of the update will be \$70,000 and will consist of a 75% share of federal funds and a 25% share local match that is anticipated to be all soft match. The update will be completed by a contractor and that selection will occur in Spring 2015.
- Susan Cleverly is coordinating with the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) in the development of a plan crosswalk that would ensure mitigation plans include the elements necessary to serve also as Community Wildfire Protection Plans. Jerry and Romeo have also been in contact with IDL on this issue. Susan reported that this project is complete and ready to be distributed to those jurisdictions preparing plan updates.
- Susan suggested that outreach during the next update should include participation in planned community events where people will already be gathered. She reported that the State of Idaho had success using this format during their last plan update.
- With unanimous consent, Commissioner Tibbs adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm.

Jerry will forward any information on the success of the grant application to Crash. Crash will include this update in an email to the committee.

Angie will forward grant information to Mike.

Susan will email Jerry and Crash the plan crosswalk.